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A Regulatory Overview on Digital Assets Panel May 1, 2019



### Dan Viola Sadis & Goldberg

Daniel G. Viola is a partner of Sadis & Goldberg LLP and the Head of its Regulatory and Compliance Group. He structures and organizes broker-dealers, investment advisers, funds and regularly counsels investment professionals in connection with regulatory and corporate matters. Mr. Viola has been active in the Blockchain and Virtual Currency verticals since 2014. He is also the Founder of the Crypto Asset Webinars, the Blockchain Shift conferences and serves as an advisory board member to several ICOs.

Mr. Viola also served as a Senior Compliance Examiner for the Northeast Regional Office of the SEC, where he worked from 1992 through 1996. During his tenure at the SEC, Mr. Viola worked on several compliance inspection projects and enforcement actions involving examinations of registered investment advisers, ensuring compliance with federal and state securities laws. Mr. Viola's examination experience includes financial statement, performance advertising, and disclosure document reviews, as well as, analysis of investment adviser and hedge fund issues arising under ERISA and blue-sky laws.

After leaving the SEC, Mr. Viola founded VIOCO, Ltd. ("VIOCO"), which provided consulting services to investment advisers and broker-dealers in the field of regulatory compliance, including compliance policy planning and implementation of soft dollar reviews, mock SEC compliance audits, and compliance training for supervisory personnel. VIOCO also served as a consultant to provide mandated corrective consulting to investment advisers that were sanctioned by the SEC.



# Maurice Berkower Berkower LLC

Mr. Berkower brings over 35 years of experience providing accounting, auditing, tax and consulting services to the FLAIA board. Maurice is the lead financial service Partner of Demetrius Berkower LLC, and Co-Founder and Managing Director of Rankin Berkower (Cayman) Ltd. He leads those respective firms' national and international financial services practice groups. Maurice has an MBA in Taxation from Bernard Baruch College and a BS in Accounting from Brooklyn College.

He is a Certified Public Accountant in the States of New

York, New Jersey and California and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants and California Society of CPAs. Maurice serves on the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants Investment Companies, Investment Management, Private Equity, and Stock Brokerage Committees.

Maurice also serves in leadership capacities for various nonprofit and charitable organizations and is a Board Member and Treasurer of the Florida Alternative Investment Association.



#### Osvaldo Torres Torres Law, P.A.

Osvaldo F. Torres, Esq. is a 1987 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School. During his over 30 year career, Mr. Torres has gained extensive experience in the preparation of offering documents for real estate investment clients, EB-5 projects, issuers of security tokens, and issuers in a variety of other industries and segments. Mr. Torres regularly represents developers and projects with their corporate structuring and securities offerings matters, including those involving hotel development, multifamily residential, senior independent living complexes, healthcare companies, restaurants, franchise concepts and others.

Mr. Torres frequently speaks at conferences on securities issues. Mr. Torres is rated AV® Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and ranked a Top 15 EB-5 Securities Attorney by EB-5 Investors Magazine. Mr. Torres has worked as a corporate and securities attorney at several large and prestigious law firms, including Schulte Roth & Zabel in New York and Greenberg Traurig in Miami, and has served as General Counsel for Telemundo Group and HBO Latin America. Mr. Torres is admitted to practice law in New York and Florida. He is a member of the Cuban-American Bar Association and is a Make-a-Wish Champion.



# **Drew Hinkes**Athena Blockchain

Andrew "Drew" Hinkes is nationally recognized for his experience in cryptocurrency-related legal issues. He advises blockchain, fintech, and financial services clients in corporate matters, including regulatory compliance and capital formation.

Drew is an attorney with Carlton Fields, bringing his experience to its National Blockchain and Digital Currency Practice. Drew is also General Counsel, Chief Legal Officer, and co-founder of Athena Blockchain an investment bank focused on structuring and placement of tokenized securities.. Drew was appointed as an adjunct Professor by the NYU Stern Business School and the NYU School of Law, where he co-teaches "Digital Currency, Blockchains, and the Future of Financial Services."

CoinDesk named Drew one of its Most Influential People in Blockchain in 2017. He frequently speaks and writes about digital assets and blockchain technology for legal, financial, and real estate industry audiences. He holds an A.B. in History from Washington University in St. Louis and a J.D. from the University of Miami.



## Phillip Silitschanu Token IQ

Phillip Silitschanu the Director of Strategic Relationships for Token IQ. Phillip is widely recognized in the press as an expert on global capital markets / financial services and blockchain / asset tokenization.

He is fluent in English, French, Brazilian Portuguese, and Spanish, and conversant in Italian, German, and Russian; and holds a Juris Doctor in Securities Regulation Law from Stetson University, an MBA in Entrepreneurship from Babson College, and a BS in Finance from Boston University.

Phillip has taught courses on Anti-Money Laundering (AML) in Latin American, Blockchain, and others; and coauthored the Euromoney Books "Multi-Manager Funds: Long Only Strategies for Managers and Investors." Phillip also serves on the advisory board of the International Due Diligence Organization, which focuses on AML / KYC and compliance.

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